

A NEW HALL OF RECORDS.

DANGERS AND DISCOMFORTS OF THE REGISTER'S OFFICE.

More Than a Century Old, It Has Been Condemned Unanimously for Twenty-four Years—Not Enough Room, No Ventilation, and the Constant Menace of Fire and Collapse—Records in Confusion and Many Lackings—Mr. Menken's Struggle—A Black Page in Revolutionary History, and This Building's Place on It.

The old Register's office, the most famous of all the buildings in City Hall Park, is to go. It has been pronounced unsafe by the Building Department, unhealthy by the Board of Health, and inadequate for the work intended for it by those in charge of the records of the metropolis. That it is all of these things is a fact, and it is a fact that it is in a corner, a burning match carelessly thrown down in a corner, and the ramshackle old building, which looks so strong and substantial on the outside, would be doomed.



STOREROOM IN THE LOFT.

The best known lawyers in the city have declared that the records now stored away in the vaults and pigeon holes of the Register's office are too valuable to be exposed to the danger of fire or collapse, and that a new and larger place must be found for them. Until steps to that end are taken they mean to agitate the subject in every possible way. They have formed an association to secure a new Hall of Records, and if they have the good fortune in the next few weeks that they have had in the past few days their aim will be realized soon.

Probably no other building in the city, which has been used for public purposes, has created so much discussion as the present Register's office. Away back in 1872 the lawyers of the city investigated the condition of the building, and threw up their hands in horror when they saw the results. Then and there it was declared to be an unsafe structure, and a committee composed of John T. Lockman, George Wadding-

ton, and John Webber was appointed to make public the condition of this storeroom of city records and demand that it be torn down and a new building erected. This was the original agitation in favor of a new building for the records, and because of their enthusiasm the committee got themselves into a heap of trouble with Boss Tweed and his followers. Mr. Lockman was arrested for his part in pushing the reform, but backed as he was by the bar of the State he escaped serious consequences.

Since that time a regular intervals lawyers in this city have stirred up the matter again, but the indifference of the city officials and the lack of support from brokers, real estate people, lawyers, and others who should have been the very first to interest themselves in the move to get the records out of the old building.

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A Forest Landscape Pictured in Colors on a Chestnut Slab. HARTFORD, Nov. 28.—That nature is a rare artist in colors, applying them with incomparable effect, every one knows; but few persons are aware probably that occasionally she also tries her cunning hand at photography. Frank S. Peabody of Pawcatuck, at the extreme southeastern end of the Nutmeg State, has a wonderfully precise and curious specimen of her handiwork in a photograph on a chestnut slab.

A day or two ago, while wandering about the Logging Woods, a vast and indescribable dreary wilderness of tangled forest, mosses, and ferns, in the heart of the Nutmeg State, he saw a fox, a rabbit, and a squirrel, and he saw them in a way that he has never seen them before. He saw them in a way that he has never seen them before.

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AN EAST SIDE GUILD.

THE UNIVERSITY SETTLEMENT AS VIEWED BY ITS NEIGHBORS.

Opinions as to What It Has Accomplished in the Neighborhood and Its Home in Delancey Street—The Work Done—The Children—The Good That It Has Effected.

A recent editorial article in THE SUN on the University Settlement, which has been in operation on the east side under the name of the Neighborhood Guild since 1887, has aroused great interest in the neighborhood, and the value of the association as a moulder of opinion and a help in reducing the antagonism of the poor against the well-to-do, to accomplish which purpose is the primary object of the organization. As the great majority of the neighborhood are poor, and the settlement is located in the heart of the neighborhood, the question is asked whether the University Settlement is a paying investment, and whether it has accomplished anything at all on the line it set out to follow and has followed consistently since its foundation.

The question was put to the settlement, and the reply was that the organization had taken no part in national politics; that it was not one of its functions to take part in national politics, but that it was a paying investment, and whether it has accomplished anything at all on the line it set out to follow and has followed consistently since its foundation.

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